

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 3 and 24 –40 are in the Application and are presented for consideration. By this amendment Applicant has made changes to claim 1 and canceled claims 4 through 23 and added new claims 24 through 40.

Applicant hereby elects the species 5). It is Applicant's position that claims 1–3, 24–26, 29, 35–37 and 40 are generic and readable on each of the disclosed species. It is further Applicant's position that claims 30 – 34 and 37– 39 are readable on the elected species.

The invention is concerned with the deflectable safety device(s) (10) as part(s) of the inner structure of the gripping device. That means that they are part of the frame (4). The frame (4) is built up of structural device parts (6,7, 8), i.e. for example frame tubes and tensioners/grippers, and is connectable as a whole by a docking point (5) to the robot hand. The deflectable safety device(s) (10) are located between the frame tubes (so called device parts 7 according to Fig. 3 and 4) and/or between a tube and a clamping device or a gripper device parts (6). This presents a unique approach is compared to the prior art.

Applicant further requests reconsideration of the requirement in view of the fact that the preferred embodiment includes or may include each of the disclosed species. In particular, different locations within the frame may require different types of securing parts, namely the two parts that make up the deflectable safety device. The embodiments of the deflectable safety device(s) at the tensioners/grippers (6) (Fig. 5 to 11) are important. The deflectable safety device(s) between the frame tubes (7) have different features but the various embodiments of Fig. 5 to 11 follow the same idea and are quite similar in their construction.

Favorable consideration of the application on the merits is requested.

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